

**WINTER PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT  
MEMORANDUM**

To: Chief Douglas M. Ball  
From: Lieutenant Rex Straw  
Through: Captain Ed Butler  
Subject: No Wake Zone-North Lagoon of Lake Mizell  
Date: May 12, 1998

I have reviewed the memorandum from Michael Magahey, Stormwater Engineer, concerning the issue of creating a "no wake zone" for the entire northern lobe of Lake Mizell. It is my understanding that the residents residing on Lake Mizell are divided concerning this issue and the effect the "no wake zone" would have on boating and water sports. In reviewing our records I can find no report of a boating accident during the past several years. Lake Mizell does experience moderate incidents of water sport activities such as personal watercraft operation and waterskiing which regularly results in ordinance violations, primarily for skiing with no observer and creating a wake within the buoy markers.

While I understand that the level of water sport activities occurring in the northern lobe of Lake Mizell may create an environmental concern, from a public safety standpoint, no safety concerns, other than the above violations have been brought to my attention and these violations are common to the entire chain. As you are aware, Lake Mizell, by city ordinance, is designated with Lake Virginia, as a location to practice trick waterskiing and is utilized primarily by the Rollins College Ski Team for practice. Lake Mizell is preferred by the team for practice due to the lower volume of boating traffic.

The officers assigned to the Lakes Patrol Unit will continue to provide strict enforcement on Lake Mizell in regard to safety violations and violations of the existing "no wake" restricted areas. I am not aware of a public safety concern that would warrant the creation of a "no wake zone" for the northern lobe of Lake Mizell. If the "no wake zone" were created due to environmental concerns, the police department would support and strictly enforce the ordinance and any violations which would occur.

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**To:** James S. Williams, City Manager

**Through:** James L. English, Public Works Director *JE*  
Troy R. Attaway, City Engineer *TRA*

**From:** Michael R. Magahey, Stormwater Engineer *MRM*

**Subject:** Field Meeting at Lake Mizell

**Date:** May 4, 1998

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A Lakes and Waterways Advisory Board Field Meeting was held on Thursday, April 30, to evaluate the existing conditions along Lake Mizell and further discuss the "no wake" zone issue. Present at the meeting was Clyde Biddle (resident), Jim Saurman (Lakes Board Member), Dr. James Madison (Chairman), Tim Egan (Lakes Manager) and myself. The turnout for the meeting appeared to be low due to the inclement weather.

A tour of the shoreline conditions along with a simulated (at speed) ski run was taken around the northern lagoon. The ski run demonstrated that in order for a ski boat to make the turn through the northern lagoon at 35 to 40 mph (fast ski speed), the vessel would have to enter within the restricted area buoys which are now located 125 feet from shore. This turning radius is dependent on the hull design of the vessel.

As we discussed, the residents have voted nine (9) in favor of a "no wake" zone and nine (9) against it with three (3) no opinions. This matter will be discussed and voted on at the May 20<sup>th</sup> Lakes Board Meeting. I will keep you informed of any changes on this project.